





## The Way to Kootenay.

Do our people know, does the Government know, that the only means of reaching Kootenay is via Portland and the Columbia River? Are the people aware, is His Excellency aware that while we have been laying the foundations of empire on paper, and gunging the area of our territory in imagination, our American neighbors have practically annexed the southern part of British Columbia to their own territory? It only remains to us in name, on paper. For all practical purposes it is a part of Washington Territory; and it should, in common fairness, be entitled to send a representative to the Territorial Legislature. This is not said in irony. It is sober truth. The Americans hold the avenues of access to our southern mines. They work these mines, supply the needs of the population they send to work them, taking the gold in return. If any of our own people wish to visit these mines they must make a journey through Oregon State and Washington Territory in order to accomplish it. True, we send a messenger occasionally with a few letters in his breeches' pocket, to one or two persons acting as the representatives of our Government over there; but even he must needs betake himself to a foreign route of travel, or become an involuntary trapper in the mountains. Why is this? Simply on account of official supineness. An infinitely shorter and better route can be made available through our own territory, one which would not only secure to us all the travel and trade with the southern portion of the colony, but which would be the means of opening up and developing many interests of greater ultimate value than all the gold mines in the colony. This everlasting iteration is as irksome to ourselves as it must be to the reader. Yet the interests and consequences involved are so momentous that we feel impelled to continue to lift up our voices and enter our protest against a course so unpatriotic and utterly subversive of the best interests of the colony. We have attributed this deplorable condition of our relations with the southern section of the Colony to official supineness; but it would not be correct to say that no attempt has been made to establish communication. Would that we could say so. It would be infinitely more creditable to the Government, and certainly more satisfactory to the colony had no attempt been made. Two attempts may be said to have been made. The first was that fatal misdirection of money and of energy (?) which cost the colony between seventy and eighty thousand dollars, and left nothing to show for it but the merest apology for a trail, to follow which would require all the instinct and sagacity of a native of the forest, and all the endurance and agility of a mountain goat. The second effort was directed towards exploring the country lying between Lake Shuswap and Kootenay, with a view to discovering suitable passes through intervening mountain ranges; and if this attempt had been less expensive upon the Government, first, it can scarcely be said to have reflected less discredit upon the Government. Plothetic as was the staff of the Lands and Works Department of that period, it was deemed necessary to add to it by the appointment of an Assistant Surveyor General. The creation of this office was as unnecessary and inutile as would be the addition of a fifth wheel to an ordinary coach; but the choice of the new officer was as bad as the act itself was unjustifiable. The Assistant was a gentleman chiefly remarkable for habits of lezy luxuriance, was selected; and to him was intrusted the work of conducting the exploration. We will not be expected to enter into the details of the manner in which the duties of that important mission were discharged. The eccentricities of the Assistant Surveyor General and his large staff of attendants supplied material for many a good story among the miners and traders of that part and period. For the rest, suffice it to say that the Assistant's forte consisted in exploring the country while stretched upon his comfortable bear-skin couch in his tent, indulging in Havana cigars and Hudson Bay rum. After thus spending the season right pleasantly, the luxurious Assistant repaired to head quarters, at the capital, where a glowing and wordy official report was cooked up and published with due circumstance in the Government Gazette. The reader will readily anticipate us when we state that actual observation subsequently proved that report to be just such fiction as the circumstances surrounding its origin would lead one to expect. Such were the practical nature and results of the second and last effort put forward by the Government, with a view to establishing communication with the increasingly important gold-fields on our Southern frontier. We may be met with the question, 'If the two attempts already made by the Government have proved so expensive and abortive, why advocate another?' The question is, we confess, neither unnatural nor unreasonable. Our answer is this: We venture to hope that such exhibitions of prodigal and bungling imbecility ended with a previous administration, and that any exploration undertaken now would be characterized by more vigor and less extravagance. But, in addition to all, that individual exploration

has left comparatively little for the Government to do. The country drained by the Upper Columbia is no longer the terra incognita of former times. It has been ascertained with a tolerable degree of certainty that passes, low and good, do exist; and, if we may rely upon information which comes to us under circumstances calculated to inspire entire confidence, it only remains for the Government to make a choice of routes, survey the line, and proceed at once with the construction of a suitable road, a cheap, practical road. We want no more 'Roman Roads' just now. This colony cannot afford such a luxury. Once more, therefore, we urge upon the Executive the duty of immediate attention to this matter.

Every idle hand has a stone, every idle foot has a kick for the street dog, every driver a whip, and every carpenter a cleft stick. He has only to look at a butcher's shop—merely to point at a sheep to be snatched up instantly. Bang goes the chopper! and off flies a few inches of his tail. He has only to be looked at by a bevy of young blackguards, and in a jiffy away he scours, encumbered with an old kettle.

Mercury in its various forms, has filled the earth with shattered wrecks of humanity. This pernicious and destructive drug has been the specific and main reliance of empirics and quacks of past generations and the parent, for the cure of all classes of chronic and constitutional diseases. Dr. Walker's Vegetable Vinegar Bitters, a purely vegetable preparation, is not only a safe and harmless remedy, but a more certain cure for these diseases, and will effectually eradicate mercury and other pernicious minerals from the system.

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A SMALL QUANTITY OF THE ABOVE, in case, for sale by the undersigned, in bond or duty paid.

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SUCKING PIGS! Fed especially for the HOLIDAY CUSTOMERS OF THE

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de22 W. B. TOWNSEND.

TO RIFLEMEN AND OTHERS. TURKEYS, GESE, FOWLS & RABBITS will be shot for on WEDNESDAY, 22d DEO, and following days, at

de22 HENLEY'S, Clover Point.



Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies.

To Wit: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a General Annual Licensing Meeting and Special Session of the Justices of the Peace acting in and for Vancouver Island, in the said Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, will be held at the Police Court, Station Street, Victoria, on Thursday, the Twenty third day of December instant, at the hour of Twelve noon, for the purpose of granting Licenses to such persons as may be desirous of keeping houses for the sale of Wines, Spirits, &c., by Wholesale and Retail, during the ensuing half year.

A. THEAKSTON, Clerk to the Justices. de4

CARPETS. TAPESTRY, BRUSSELS, KIDDERMINSTER, Hockliff Bazaar. For Sale by

de18 SPROAT & CO. Wharf street.

Barnard's Express. DURING THE WINTER MONTHS, THE Express will be despatched from Victoria every ALTERNATE FRIDAY, commencing November 12th, carrying Mail, Express and Passengers.

de12 2m T. J. BARNARD.

## New Advertisements.

## NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED not to pay any monies to Mr R T Smith on account of Smith & Laidner's Estate. DRAKE, JACKSON & ATKMAN, Solicitors for some of the Creditors of Smith & Laidner. Victoria, B C, 21st Dec, 1869. de21

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H. E. SEELYE,

AGENT FOR de22 BRITISH COLUMBIA.

## NOTICE.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY. THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE held at the Caledonian Society by their Chaplain, Rev. Thos Somerville, in St Andrew's Church, on SUNDAY the 26th inst, at 11 o'clock a.m. Members are requested to meet at their Hall at 10-30 o'clock, sharp. 1st order, F. PAGE, Secretary. de21

## A. FELLOWS.

WOOD AND COAL DEALER, STORE STREET.

ORDERS FOR THE ABOVE LEFT ON the order tablet at the office of the Spring Ridge Water Company, Government Street will be promptly attended to.

## NOTICE.

To Carpenters and Builders. TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED AT the office of the undersigned till Wednesday, the 5th day of January, 1870, for the erection of a wood Dwelling House and 1/2 in, to be built on the Cadboro Bay Road, near the Willow Hotel. Plans and Specifications to be seen from Tuesday, the 23rd inst, between the hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. CHARLES VICKERMAN, Architect, Government Street. de21

JACOB SEHL, IMPORTER AND MANUFACTURER, HAS ON HAND ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE, Mirrors, Carpets, Bedding, Piles, Moss, Hair and Spring Mattresses, &c., at prices to suit the times. Chairs in great variety, cheaper than ever. The public are invited to call and select their holiday presents, which are ornamental as well as useful.

de21 Cor Government & Broughton Sts.

## HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

THE MOST ELEGANT CHRISTMAS PRESENT—A GENUINE MEERSCHAUM PIPE FROM KEYSER'S

THE CORRECT THING AFTER A GOOD Dinner—A REAL HAVANA CIGAR FROM KEYSER'S.

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A. KEYSER, GOVERNMENT STREET Dealer in Cigars, Tobacco, Matches and Pipes. de21

## SPECIAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a special public meeting of the Homeholders and Freeholders of Victoria School District, will be held at the Central School, Fort street, at 12 o'clock noon, on Friday next, the 24th inst, for the purpose of taking into consideration the best method of raising a School Fund for the present year. The following are the sources under the "Common School Ordinance, 1869" from which Revenues for the above purpose can be levied, viz: 1. Tuition Fees not exceeding \$2 per month; 2. Tax per capita on each Householder and Freeholder not exceeding \$2 per annum; 3. Voluntary subscription.

de18 WM. LEIGH, Sec'y.

## For Sale—Cordwood.

ABLE BESWICK. HAS ON HAND A LARGE SUPPLY OF DRY PINEWOOD, of the best quality.

Orders left at Mr J Gossell's store, corner Douglas and Cormorant streets, or at my Residence, near the Saw Factory, Cormorant street, punctually attended to.

de7 1m

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AT PIPER'S SALOON,

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CUSTOMERS ARE ASSURED THAT none but respectable persons will be admitted to the Saloon.

## HOOP IRON.

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GENTLEMEN,—I beg to offer you my sincere thanks for the very prompt and liberal manner in which, on behalf of the Royal Insurance Company, you settled my claim of \$1000 for damage sustained by the burning of the Crown Hotel, Esquimalt.

Such promptitude and liberality are deserving of every encouragement. I am, gentlemen, Yours obediently, W. M. SELLECK.

de16 1w

Pocket and Office DIARIES FOR 1870.

Now Ready. T. N. HIBBEN & CO.

de16 3m WRAPPING PAPER. FOR SALE CHEAP—At the COLONIST OFFICE.

## New Advertisements.

## Wholesale Dry Goods.

## J. H. TURNER &amp; CO.

Are now Opening Ex MEDORA from London.

## A Large Assortment of DRY GOODS,

SUITABLE FOR WHOLESALE BUYERS.

## Wholesale Department

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## ST. JOHN'S DAY.

## A GRAND BALL

IN CELEBRATION OF

## ST. JOHN'S DAY

WILL TAKE PLACE ON

MONDAY, 27th DECEMBER, 1869,

AT THE

Alhambra Hall,

Under the Management of the

MASONIC FRATERNITY OF VICTORIA.

TICKETS, to admit a Gentleman and Ladies, \$5. Masons can obtain Tickets for themselves and friends on application to the following members of the COMMITTEE:

S. Duck, H. L. Jones, R. H. Adams, F. H. Lamb.

GENERAL COMMITTEE: H. F. Heisterman, F. H. Lamb, J. Swanson, T. Shotholt, J. Gordon Vinter, S. Duck, J. Blackbourne, E. Gracian.

de12 F. H. LAMB, Sec'y.

## The Flying Squadron HAS ARRIVED.

THE OLDEST VARIETY STORE

In the Country!

de18 1m

## TOYS!!!

At Gorrie's VARIETY STORE

Fort St., opp. Cattle Yard.

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## NO THOROUGHFARE!

D. SPENCER OFFERS HIS

New Stock, EX Medora,

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de14 GOVERNMENT STREET.

TOYS, FANCY GOODS AND GIFT BOOKS!!

ALL MUST BE SOLD!!

FOR the Christmas celebration, Piper will take this occasion

To announce to Gents and Ladies That he has prepared lots of Candles

For the coming Holidays. Crystal Candles and Fancy Toys,

Enough for all the girls and boys; Sugar Almonds, Drops of Gum,

Temperance Candles filled with Rum; Lozenges for Conversation,

Sweet Hearts for half the nation; Fancy Boxes straight from Paris,

Every one itself a gem, is The Christmas Trees to ornament,

And lovely dainties to suspend, Piper has a great variety.

Snapping Motors, Stars and Drums; Angels, Dancers and Tom Thumbs;

Sugar Whistles which make a noise. If two hearts are beating quick,

A sign that Cupid's played a trick, Come and buy a Waulding Cake

That will stop your heart's ache. de17

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SUPPLIES THE BEST

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At \$11 the English Ton of 2240lbs.

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A large Assortment of SEEDS and every requisite for the Farm and Garden always in Stock at the Store,

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GILT, MARBLE AND BRONZE CLOCKS, Opera Glasses and Fancy Goods.

At Greatly Reduced Prices, FOR THE

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BENJAMIN WAKEFIELD BEGS TO inform the Public of Victoria that, having had many years experience in Sweeping and Cleaning Chimneys, and preventing their smoking, he is prepared to execute all orders in that line, general work included.

Orders left at Foll & Co's store on Fort Street, or at the third house East of the Bavaria Brewery, will be promptly attended to. de17 3m 2p

## REMOVAL.

WM. DALBY HAS REMOVED HIS SADDLERY, HARNESS

AND Trunk Establishment TO THE ST. NICHOLAS BUILDINGS

de16 GOVERNMENT STREET.

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Thursday Morning, Dec. 23, 1869.

## Auction Sales To-day.

J. P. DAVIES & CO. will sell at 11 o'clock, on the wharf corner Wharf and Fort St., under the Old Fellows Hall, Wines, Liquors, Ale, Porter, Glassware, Furniture, &c.

For interesting Reading Matter see First Page

**SCHOOL EXHIBITION.**—The pupils attending Mrs. Pettibone's school gave an exhibition yesterday before a number of parents and friends. The young ladies were prettily dressed in white, and showed great proficiency in vocal and instrumental music and in elocution. Several of the dialogues and recitations were very amusing. Specimens of fancy work by the scholars adorned the wall, some of which were most beautiful in conception and execution. At the close of the exhibition, which lasted 2½ hours, the following prizes were presented:

## FIRST CLASS.

**Sarah Coxon**—1st prizes for Biography, Mythology, Geography, Ancient History, Scripture, Grecian History, Grammar, Arithmetic, Vocal and Instrumental Music and Fancy Work.

**Lizzie Mason**—1st prizes for Orthography, French and Fancy Work. 2d prizes for Mythology, Geography, Grammar and Arithmetic.

**Mary Watson**—1st prizes for English History and Fancy Work.

**Isabella Watson**—Prizes for English History and Fancy Work. 2d prizes for Orthography.

**Mary Ann Allatt**—1st prizes for American History and improvement in Music. 2d prizes for Biography and Orthography.

## SECOND CLASS.

**Annie Evans**—2d prizes for American History and Common Subjects.

**Emma Weller**—1st prizes for English History, Geography, Grammar, Common Subjects and French.

**Josephine Jamieson**—1st prizes for Grammar, Common Subjects, Improvement in Music and Fancy Work.

**Agnes Harrison**—2d prizes for Geography and Common Subjects. 1st prizes for Orthography, Music and Fancy Work.

**Hannah Simms**—1st prizes for Reading, Music and Fancy Work.

**Alice Coombs**—1st prizes for Arithmetic, French, Music and Fancy Work.

## THIRD CLASS.

**Isabella Johnston**—1st prizes for Reading, Grammar and Arithmetic.

**Fanny Allatt**—1st prizes for Geography, Common Subjects and Spelling.

**Alfred Harrison**—2d prizes for Reading and Spelling.

**Thomas Ella**—Prize for Diligence.

## FOURTH CLASS.

**Francis Winger**—1st prizes for Reading, Arithmetic and Spelling.

**A CRUEL HOAX.**—A few days ago, at New Westminster, an ex-mayor and present councillor, complained to a supposed friend that his favorite dog was sorely afflicted with fleas. 'I'll tell you what'll drive 'em away, said the friend.' 'Build a big fire in your grate, stand your dog before it and rub well into his hair about a quart of coal oil. I'll kill every mother's son of 'em.' 'I'll do it,' quoth the councillor, and straightway the coal was piled on and poor doggie led before the blazing fire. A can filled with coal oil was produced and the animal's coat saturated with it. 'To be well rubbed in before a hot fire,' repeated the councillor as he proceeded to stroke the animal's back with no light hand, and suiting the action to the word backed the poor brute so close to the grate that the flame caught with the oil soaked hair. In an instant the poor creature's coat was in a blaze, and uttering fearful yells he flew like a blazing comet from the room—in his flight overturning his master communicating the fire to his trousers. The dog ran till he was baked when he lay down like a sensible canine and died. The councillor with difficulty saved his own life but lost his trousers. The councillor is still lame from the burns sustained, and is awaiting an opportunity to get even with the man who, sold, him.

**TWO YOUNG MEN**, lately belonging to Uncle Sam's fur-protecting battalions at Sitka, were found by officer Ferrell at an early hour yesterday morning in the act of scaling a fence at the rear of the Pacific Telegraph Hotel, Store street. One of them was perched like a Christmas turkey on the fence when caught by the officer. They were conducted to the station house, where \$25 in gold and greenbacks were found in their pockets. Yesterday Mr. Courtney, who was engaged for the defence, proved that the young men were scaling the fence to visit some friends who were asleep at the hotel, and the Magistrate only exacted that they should deposit \$25 each as security for their good behaviour while here. The Magistrate also cautioned the prisoners against thieves and sharpers who are always ready to relieve the unwary of their money and said that the \$25 would be retained in his hands until they were ready to leave on the next steamer.

**THE VERUNA**—This little tugboat was released by the Sheriff yesterday and brought alongside of Leneveu's wharf, where portions of the machinery taken out of her when first seized will be replaced. The Veruna will be commanded by her former captain, Jackson, and will sail on or about Saturday for Puget Sound. The appraised value of the steamer is \$10,000.

**JUDGE ALEXANDER W. BALDWIN**, of Nevada killed by the recent railroad accident near San Francisco, had \$45,000 insurance on his life. Judge Baldwin was admitted to the Nevada bar, ten years ago, when 19 years of age, a special act of the Legislature being passed to permit it.

**THE INDICATIONS** are that the U. S. House Committee on Territories will report against the establishment of a territorial government in Alaska, and allow that country to remain longer under military control. A bill regulating the seal fisheries will be brought in after the holidays.

**IT MAY** perhaps prove consoling to the people on the shady side of forty, who have not yet succeeded in making their fortunes, to know that the late Mr. Peabody accumulated the greater part of his vast wealth during the last five-and-twenty years of his life. It is said on trustworthy authority, that at 50 he was worth but little more than \$50,000,000.

**THE ANNUAL LICENSING MEETING** will be held to-day, at high noon, at the Police Court. The applications will be numerous,

**SPANISH COLONIAL POLICY.**—On the 15th Nov. a discussion arose in the Cortes, at Madrid, respecting the treatment of the colonies. One of the Porto Rico deputies asked the Minister for the colonies what the course of the Government would be towards the island that was peopled by six hundred thousand faithful Spaniards. The minister replied that the treatment of the colonies would be such that their people would be proud to call themselves Spaniards. The deputies suggested and advised the abolition of slavery in Porto Rico, with indemnification to the owners.

**LOVERS OF FINE BEEF, MUTTON AND PORK** should look in at Reynolds' shops at the corner of Yates and Douglas streets, and S. W. corner of Government and Johnson streets. Island-grown beefs, sheep and hogs, of the choicest breeds, have been prepared for Christmas customers. A mammoth hog weighing 700 pounds may be seen at the upper shop, and at the lower shop the beef and mutton are among the finest it has ever been our good fortune to inspect. The beefs, fattened by Turgoose of Saanich, average 1024 lbs each and for quality we don't think they could be excelled on the Pacific Coast.

**VICTORIA MARKET.**—Not many years ago people would be found to sneer if one ventured to assert that the Colony would ever be in a position to "feed itself," yet John Murray, of the Victoria Market, the other day, drove in a lot of fine Christmas beefs from Saanich, the largest of which dressed 1200 pounds and may still be seen at the market. John has on hand some excellent mutton and pork, and his sugar-cured hams and bacon are as much in request as ever.

**'NO THOROUGHFARE'** is Mr Spencer's holiday motto. It is inappropriate—for if ever goods were invented to soften the hearts of parents and beaux, and open a broad thoroughfare to their pockets Spencer has those goods. The old, the young, the rich, the poor; the grave, the gay—can all have their wants supplied at Spencer's.

**NO FINER DISPLAY** of Christmas meats will be found in the city than Stafford & Hickin have on their hooks. They exhibit Island and Fraser fed beef, choice mutton, a mammoth bear—'native and to the manor born'—and last, though not least by a good many pounds N C Bailey's mammoth hog, which took the first prize at the Agricultural Exhibition.

**HARRY WALLER**, of Fort street, in the midst of his holiday preparations, has not forgotten the printer. Last evening he brought in a large box of the finest English collection of the choicest make with which our staff sweetened their midnight toil. If Santa Claus comes with as good candies as Waller sells, children will be fortunate indeed.

**TOYS! TOYS!**—Tom Gorrie, the children's friend and Santa Claus' representative, has opened his budget at the old stand on Fort street, and is prepared for orders from big and little, great and small. Everything bought at Gorrie's is warranted useful as well as ornamental, and the money's worth and something more is always given.

**'ALL FRASER FEED!'**—One of the most attractive shops in the city is that of our old friend and ex-Mayor Harris on Government street. His Christmas beef is a treat to look at, and if it be a treat to see it, to dine upon it would be a feast indeed. The beef was all raised on the great Sumas Prairies and fed on the celebrated bunch-grass of that locality. Of island fed mutton and pork, Harris also makes a grand display.

**PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS.**—St Andrew's [Catholic] Cathedral, and St John's and Christ Churches are being handsomely decorated for Christmas Day. Divine services will be held at the Episcopal, Methodist and Catholic Churches on Christmas morning, and at midnight Christmas Eve, Mr. Macdonald's Third Mass will be sung by a choir of eleven voices at St Andrew's Church.

**THE STREETS AND SHOPS**, fringed with groves of evergreens and laurel [in lieu of holly], present a pretty and enlivening appearance. We are reminded by a gentleman connected with the Police Force that any person found cutting evergreens on the public parks will be prosecuted.

**HEYWOOD!**—What says the great Heywood at this gay and festive season? Simply, that he is overrun with orders for his famous hams, bacon, sausages, headcheese and other "fixings," and that he has had to employ extra help to meet the demand.

**THE GUSSE Telfair** will be due to-night. The Carter Dramatic Troupe all aboard. The Telfair probably connected with the San Francisco steamer at Astoria.

**By Electric Telegraph.**

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

## LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

## Eastern States.

**NEW YORK, Dec 21.**—It is reported that some firemen and engineers of Spanish gunboats in the Cuban interest will make an effort to destroy the vessels after they have left American waters. Mr. Abbot, leader of the expedition, whose aim is to destroy or disable the Spanish gunboats, sailed last night in pursuit.

## Europe.

**LONDON, Dec 19.**—The Times blame the government for its vacillation at London-derry in protecting rather than forbidding a display, but it admits the result was better than was expected. The Post and other papers praise Mrs. Lander, who made her debut on Saturday evening.

**ROME, Dec 19.**—Cardinal Matthews goes to Paris on a mission from the Pope to the Emperor.

**ROME, Dec 20.**—The Pope yesterday received a deputation of sixty natives of France and delivered an address to them in French. He explained that the recurrence of Christmas should teach all men a lesson of humility which God hath given the world on that day. Praise said the Holy Father was the enemy of mankind. At the conclusion of the address the Pope, in a voice softened by emotion, gave a benediction to the visitors, who were greatly moved, and at the conclusion of the ceremonies broke forth into prolonged and enthusiastic cries.

**PARIS, Dec 20.**—It is rumoured that the Emperor was instrumental in having the Spanish refugees ordered out of France, but

the report is unfounded. The intermingling of these refugees with the Revolutionists here was the real cause of their expulsion. The Emperor has established by decree a commission to encourage and aid all military societies of mutual assistance founded in France, and to this end the Emperor grants half a million of francs to a commission of which he is to be the honorary president.

## Second Dispatch.

## Canada.

**CHICAGO, Dec 21.**—A St Paul special says a company of mounted insurgents took possession of the Hudson Bay Co's fort near Pembina. Gov McDougall's attempt to organize Indian forces to get up a counter revolution has utterly failed. The greater part of his agents and emissaries were captured, and the whole population is a unit. The French, under Reil, are in undisputed occupation of the whole country. McDougall is absolutely without a faction. All have deserted him except about 50 swamp Indians. It is said McDougall is preparing to return.

## Eastern States.

**ST LOUIS, Dec 21.**—Four inches of snow fell last night, and it is still snowing. The storm extended over a great portion of the country west.

**LOUISVILLE, Dec 21.**—Five inches of snow fell during the night.

**WASHINGTON, Dec 21.**—The story about the lease of the Bay of Samana is largely fictitious and sensational. The island has not been transferred to the U. S. General Babcock merely went to investigate, and report and probably bring an official proposition regarding the lease from President Bay.

## Europe.

**PARIS, Dec 20.**—Gen Banks had a long and very interesting interview with the Emperor yesterday. The Emperor expressed an earnest wish for a satisfactory understanding with the United States on postal and other equally important matters. He regretted that his Ministers had not fulfilled his desires in this respect.

**PARIS, Dec 21.**—It is reported that Prince Napoleon will soon resume the Presidency of the Privy Council.

**LONDON, Dec 21.**—Advices from Rio to Nov 29th state that the vomito has broken out among the soldiers of the allied army. It is reported Lopez has fled to Bolivia.

**JOHN ARTHUR OWAY**, Under Secretary of the Foreign Office and member of the House of Commons, for Chatham, made a speech in that city last evening. He expressed his hearty satisfaction at the settlement of the American naturalization question, and stated that an Act has been prepared which would be brought before Parliament at its next session, enabling British subjects to divest themselves of nationality whenever they see fit.

The frigate Monarch, with the remains of George Peabody, sailed for the United States today.

**PARIS, Dec 21.**—At a fete given at the Hotel de Ville last night Baron Hausmann, prefect of Seine, made a speech in which he pointedly referred to recent events in Paris and declared that in spite of the fact that exiles had been committed by some persons in the name of liberty his hearers might rest assured that order would be preserved.

**MR. KAUFMAN**, a native of Germany, has been expelled from France for making violent radical speeches at political meetings.

**LA MARSEILLE** the New Journal of Nerio Rochefort has already attained a circulation of 100,000.

The Journal Official announces the wreck and total loss of the French war steamer Gorgone while on her way from Spain to Cherbourg.

## California.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Dec 21.**—There is a growing ease in the money market, partly due to the lessened demand for business operations incident to the close of the year. The line of deposits of the various banking institutions of the city show a slight increase.

## 'Nettled not Mettled.'

**EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.**—A letter appeared in your yesterday's issue purporting to be an answer to mine under the above caption of the 18th inst, signed 'Not a Druid.' This *nom de plume* was wholly unnecessary, as it is evident from the tenor of the letter the writer belongs to no order, observes none, and puts forth a garbled statement, for he plagiarizes and says he 'has been a householder on Michigan street nearly five years.' This cannot be true because he would not be ignorant that most of the householders did contribute towards the grading of the street. Perhaps, however, 'Not a Druid' resided five years in the capacity that John Chinaman occupies in more than one well appointed house in town. Again he says 'I am ignorant or willfully blind' when I assert that the graving stopped at the Hon Colonial Secretary's residence. I say it does, but the work was necessarily carried on a few yards further to give it the proper declination. This, however, is sailing too close to the wind to need comment. Further, the writer asserts that the graded part was the only portion of the street that required it. Nonsense; it was as good as any part of the street. I dare say, however, that when 'Not a Druid' saw a wagon loaded with wood mired to the axletrees he must have felt some little compunction of conscience that his wood was an honest purchase and not the product of 'tree vandalism' from near his very door. This is assuming him an actual householder and not a mythical one. The entire letter savors of ink from a James Bay department, in vindication of an error and gross partiality on the part of one who ordered the work to be made out of public monies for the accommodation of an individual, to the prejudice of many. I am in justice bound to say that since my last I have learned that the Col. Secretary gave no orders, and that the graving was made without his knowledge, and that the same was done under the direction of an official who may be worse than 'sawd-papery,' viz, brought to the scratch for not doing his duty without fear, favor and affection.

## DRUID.

## The Christ Church Controversy.

**EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.**—I would be sorry to accuse 'One who has the Moral Courage to say No,' in your impression of the 19th of desiring intentionally to injure the cause of Christian liberty in this Colony. If he is one of those who cannot really afford to promote religious progress by assisting to raise a house for God's service, he need not boast of his 'moral courage' in saying 'no' to any appeal made to him for this purpose, as no reasonable person would expect him to say yes. But the spirit that

prompted him to publish a letter which displays such a lack of charity and benevolence cannot be defended. Not only does he disapprove of building a church which is very much required, but he writes disparagingly of munificence in any form. What a blessing it is that there are few such men in the world. And what a curse that there are any such, especially in a new colony where Christian liberty is most of all required. Yet this man does not object to have a Church, provided the people of England pay for it. He is not above begging from those who can in no way receive any benefit from religious institutions in this colony. In fact he is one of those who will take and enjoy anything that costs him nothing. To give he is not inclined—and the worst is he has the 'moral courage' to boast of it. How far he is guilty of glorying in his own shame I leave it to him; if to consider.

So far from his being justified in trying to dry up the foundation of liberty in this colony, there is no part of the world where church extension is more necessary. Go into the country districts and hundreds of families will be seen growing up in ignorance and vice, and they will tell you that a Protestant clergyman never visits their door. Look at the unfortunate Indians in general and those living in Victoria in particular. What degradation, misery and wretchedness do we behold—a reproach to Christianity and civilization! Where are the men who came here under a solemn engagement to devote themselves to missionary work among the heathen? Have they remained faithful to their trust, or having found easier spheres of labor, do they now turn their backs with cold indifference on the unfortunate natives and leave them to perish? I blush for the Christian principle of such men. The Church of Rome, to her credit be it spoken, does not neglect the heathen, and moreover takes charge of our Protestant orphans, for whom there is not an institution in which these little ones can be brought up in the faith of their parents.

What a sad picture of Christian zeal!

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**A FIRST CLASS BILLIARD TABLE,** Cues, Cue-rack, Balls, &c., complete.

**—ALSO—**

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